
SASKATOON

The Hub of the Hard
Wheat Belt of

Western Canada



SASKATOON APRIL 1906

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A great city of the Saskatchewan, a metropolis of the most fertile and extensive empire of hard wheat in the world, has for a century been the dream of the explorers, travellers and railway projectors who have visited the Valley of the Saskatchewan, and, traversing its vast territory, have seen with their own eyes the inexhaustible resources of that favored land.



SASKATOON — A CITY OF TENTS — 1903

That dream of the last century is rapidly being realized to-day in the building up of Saskatoon.

In 1901, according to the official figures of the Dominion Government census, Saskatoon had only ninety-six inhabitants. Now, Saskatoon is a place of prominence

It is usually easier to acquire fortune in a new country than in an old, and Western Canada is a new country. That is the centre of great enterprises at present. Great fortunes are to be made there in the next decade.—*President James J. Hill of the Great Northern.*

with a population of about four thousand people, and this number is increasing as quickly as contractors and builders can supply places of business and residences for the accommodation of new comers who are eagerly knocking for admittance and asking to share in the prosperity of the coming commercial metropolis of the Saskatchewan Valley.

Two hundred and sixteen miles from the United States, five hundred miles from Winnipeg, the gateway city of Western Canada ; three hundred miles from Edmonton, the gateway of the Mackenzie basin ; only twenty miles from the elbow of the great north branch of the Saskatchewan which here first approaches its gigantic sister stream from the south, the situation of Saskatoon on the south branch of the Saskatchewan, is one of singular strategic commercial importance now fully recognized by the big, brainy railroad men, projecting their lines through the fertile fields of Western Canada.

Situated centrally in the settled portion of the new Province of Saskatchewan, with railways radiating to all points, and located on the beautiful banks of the South Saskatchewan river, at one of the most picturesque places in the whole province, with superior natural advantages as to drainage, water supply, free soil and healthful, temperate climate, it is admitted by all unprejudiced persons that it would be a political crime for the capital of Saskatchewan to be located anywhere else than at Saskatoon.

When the Saskatchewan legislature meets in March, Saskatoon will be incor-

porated as a city, including the suburbs of Nutana and Riversdale, which are at present independent municipalities. A prominent civic engineer from eastern Canada is now employed on plans for municipal sewer, water works and electric light systems for the whole city, and the construction of these utilities will begin as soon as possible after incorporation is granted. Adequate accommodation for a large city is being planned, to provide for the rapid increase in population certain to take place within the next few years.



The village of Nutana, the original townsite of Saskatoon, is on the east bank of the river, and the village of Riversdale is on the west side of the present townsite of Saskatoon.

In and around Saskatoon are an abundance of beautiful building sites, for both business and residence purposes. On the east, the prairie comes up to the river and terminates in a picturesque wooded bank about one hundred feet in height above the level of the swift flowing stream. On

this beautifully bordered plateau is the present village of Nutana, the old town-site of the settlement and the most perfect capital situation in the province.

On the opposite bank of the Saskatchewan, which winds most picturesquely with graceful curves between its banks of sylvan beauty, on a tableland about forty feet above the water level of the river, is the town of Saskatoon and its neighboring village, Riversdale. Rising gently upward as the land recedes from the river, the level of the prairie to the westward, northward and north-westward, is reached within about a mile and a half. From these locations and from Nutana one looks upon one of the fairest landscapes in the world. The river and the valley of the South Saskatchewan, embroidered with their sylvan beauty, wind through the town and suburbs with their many handsome buildings—new and substantial schools, churches, residences and places of business. All these, radiant in the golden sunshine of Saskatchewan, make a picture of surpassing loveliness and charm in the centre of a vast wheatfield, extending hundreds of miles in almost all directions from Saskatoon.

The four transcontinental railway systems of Canada are heading through this great wheatfield and sending their streaks of steel toward Saskatoon. The Canadian Northern main line is already built, the C.P.R. secondary transcontinental to Edmonton is building, and the G.T.P. main line is surveyed and the contracts for its immediate construction let from Portage la Prairie to Saskatoon and Saskatoon to

Elevators and Warehouses—E. L. Drewry's depot, 1904; Calgary Brewing Co.'s depot, 1905-06; Canadian Elevator Co.'s elevator, 1905; H. B. Co.'s warehouse, remodelled, 1905; Western Commercial Co., wholesale liquors, 1905.

Hotels and Restaurants—Butler house, built 1904, doubled in capacity 1905; Western hotel, built 1903, capacity doubled 1905; Empire hotel, 50 rooms, brick, 1905-06; Iroquois hotel, 32 rooms, 1905-06.

Implement Warehouses—W. J. Bell's, 1906; J. W. Stewart's, 1906; Soden & McLaughlin's, 1906.

Residences A. Turner, brick, 1904; Allan Poole, 1904; C. A. Alexander, 1904; T. Copland, cement block, 1905; A. Rutherford, 1905; G. A. Hanson, 1905; Karl Kush, 1905; Jacob Walker, 1905; W. C. Sutherland, M.L.A., cement, 1905; James Coulter, 1905; C. Brower, 1905; Alex. Goodwin, 1905; John Ashworth, 1905-06.

Offices and Stores—Coulthard & Alexander's office building, cement block, 1905; Oliver & Kempthorn's hardware, doubled capacity, 1906; J.F. Cairns, general store, 1904; G.W. Furniture, doubled capacity, 1906.

Liveries—Wilson Bros., 1905; A. G. Sinclair, 1906.

Schools and Public Buildings—Nutana, brick and cement block school, four rooms, 1905; Saskatoon, brick and stone, seven rooms, 1903; Town hall, cement blocks, 1904; hose tower, 1906.

Railway work—C.P.R., graded thirty miles of Edmonton line west of Saskatoon, 1905; C.P.R., rebuilt bridge across South Saskatchewan, 1905-6, cement piers, wooden superstructure.

SOME PLANS FOR 1906

Public Improvements—Present brick and stone school of seven rooms to be doubled in capacity; plans for sewer, waterworks and electric light sys-

tems now in preparation and work on sewer system to begin at once; post office and customs office, costing about \$100,000, site already purchased.

Railways building—C. P. R., east and west of Saskatoon; G.T.P., east and west of Saskatoon.

Newspapers—Phoenix office, brick and cement, one of the largest printing plants west of Winnipeg.

Stores, etc.—J. F. Cairns, new department store; Bank of Commerce, new office building; James Clinkskill's new store; A. Bowerman's three-storey bank and office block; National Trust Co., brick and cement block office building; Young & McBeth, store and public hall; E. S. Blain, drug store.



Restaurant—Wm. Marks, large restaurant and banquet hall.

Warehouses to be built—Manson Campbell, of Chatham; Great West Saddlery Co., E. C. Strickland & Co.

Residences to be built—Mayor Clinkskill, H. B. Proudfoot, W. P. Kirkpatrick, and scores of others.

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POPULATION 4,000

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CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor—James Clinkskill.
Sec.-Treas.—Adam Turner.
Town Solicitors—Smith & Brown
Town Inspector—Corporal Dunning.
Chief of Fire Department—J. Wilson.
Capt. Fire Department—A. E. Young.
Councillors—W. J. Bell, P. H. Currie
James Wilson, S. A. Clark, H. Baker,
T. Copland.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chairman—J. E. Paul.
Secretary—W. P. Bate.
Trustees—Dr. J. H. C. Willoughby,
D. T. Smith, A. E. St. Laurent, A. E.
Young.

BOARD OF TRADE

President—Frank R. Oliver.
Secretary—Fred M. Brown.
Commissioner—H. C. Beatty.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Dominion Lands—R. McIntosh.
Immigration—W. Braun.
Registrar of Vital Statistics—A. S. Mighton.
Post Master—M. Isbister.
Customs Officer—B. Chubb.

CHURCHES

Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Union Bank of Canada, Bank of Hamilton, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Bank of Montreal, Northern Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, National Trust Company.

RAILWAYS

Saskatoon is now the divisional point of the Prince Albert line of the C. P. R. The C.P.R. Secondary Transcontinental to Edmonton will be in operation this year with Saskatoon as its main divisional point. The G. T. P. main line across the continent is now rapidly building both ways from Saskatoon—eastward from Saskatoon to Portage la Prairie, and westward from Saskatoon to Edmonton.

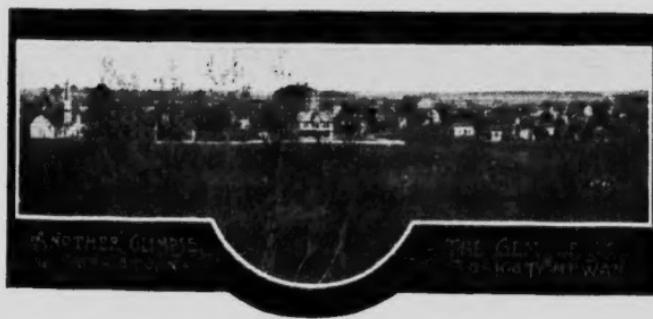
BUSINESS PROGRESS

Careful commercial statistics show business amounting to \$2,000,000 for the past year, an increase of \$800,000 over the preceding year. This is a conservative estimate. Over 500 settlers' cars unloaded here last spring.

1,500,000 bushels of the finest hard wheat were grown in the Saskatoon District in 1905—an increase of 300 per cent. over 1904.

CLIMATE

The climate of the Saskatchewan Valley is exempt from extremes of heat or cold and from high winds, and there is an abundance of bright sunshine throughout the year.



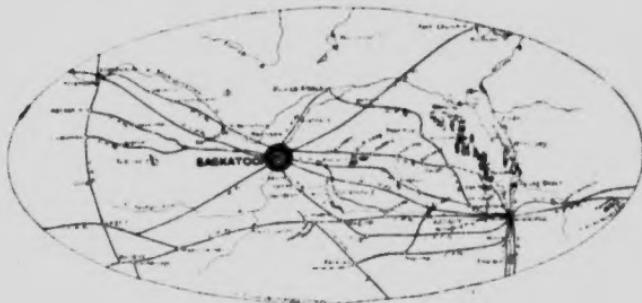
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